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EXHIBIT: #VI.C.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: William H. Beardsley, Deputy Commissioner*

DATE: September 14, 2016

SUBJECT: Consideration of the Report of Findings regarding the request of Cornell University of New York and the University of New Hampshire to receive authorization to offer academic credit programs in the State of Maine

BACKGROUND: The State Board of Education voted on August 8, 2016 to accept the report of findings. The report was based on information obtained at the July 15, 2016 interview with academicians and administrators from the University of New Hampshire and Cornell University by video conference and supplemental information requested by the review team. On July 28, 2016, Dr. David Townsend, the chair of the review team submitted the report to the Maine Department of Education. Both the University of New Hampshire and Cornell University had an opportunity to review the report for errors of fact.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education vote to approve Cornell University and the University of New Hampshire's request to receive authorization to offer academic credit programs in the State of Maine from September 14, 2016 until September 14, 2021.

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